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Polish Air Force Pay Rates.

1. A pilot with the rank of 2nd lieutenant in the Polish Air Force received 1,200 zloty a month base pay; he also received additional pay of 2 zloty, 15 groszy a minute for weather flying and 1 zloty, 25 groszy for night flying. When pilots performed weather or night flying, they always tried to prolong their time in flight for this additional pay. An instructor pilot's additional pay for night and weather flying averaged approximately 2,400 zloty per month. When on furlough all officers received 40 zloty a day in addition to their base pay. Officers on flying status were given room and board free of charge. A 2nd lieutenant in the Polish Air Force on a non-flying status received 1,000 zloty per month, of which 600 zloty were taken out for room and board.

Prices of Some Consumer Items.

2. As I recall, the following prices prevailed as of May 1953:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price (zloty)</u>
Men's shoes	650
Men's socks	39
Shoes resoled	100
Men's dress shirt	100-120
Tailor-made suits	3,000
Shave and haircut	10
After shave lotion	30
Tube of tooth paste	30
One liter of average vodka	150
A 17-jewel Swiss wrist watch (when available)	2,500

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Price (zloty)</u>
Bicycle	1,300
Motorcycle	6,000
Average evening for a couple	500
Movie	3 zloty 60 groszy
Two daily newspapers (compulsory)	4 zloty per month

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